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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

This communication accompanies the Issue Fee and is a comment on the Examiner's reasons for allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowability which accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed January 20, 2006. While no exception is taken to the Examiner's reasons for allowance, the underlying assumption is that the claimed invention is prima facie obvious and thus required a showing of unexpected results to overcome the prima facie case. Applicants' position is that the claimed invention is not prima facie obvious over Makooi US Patent 6,238,695, whether Makooi is considered alone or in view of Remington or Phipps US Patent 5,260,073, for the reasons set forth in the responses filed on August 16, 2005 and on February 24, 2005 and in earlier responses incorporated therein by reference.

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